

Module 3 - Calibration

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Motivation - Functional Relationship

A measured variable is often a function of one or more independent variables that are controlled during the measurement. ... This is a common procedure used to document the relationship between the measured variable and an independent process variable. ...

We can use _____ analysis to establish a _____ between the _____ and the _____. This discussion pertains directly to _____ curve fits.

Other functions such as _____ and _____ fits can also be used.

Least Squares Regression

Consider the graphs below. This is a calibration curve.

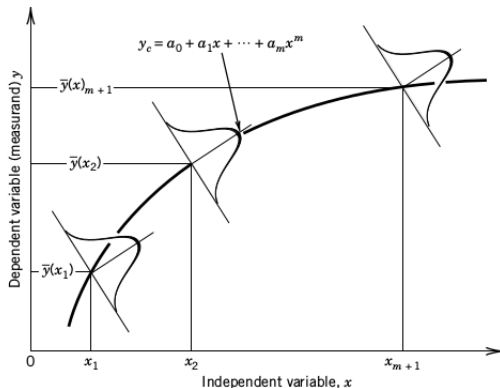


Figure 4.9 Distribution of measured value y about each fixed value of independent variable x . The curve y_c represents a possible functional relationship.

Image: Theory and Design of Mechanical Measurements, 5th Edition

Using Software Packages

- We are trying to find a _____ for the data.

$$y_c(x) =$$

- This is done by _____ the quantity below.

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - y_{ci})^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N (y_i - a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \cdots + a_mx^m)^2$$

- For a _____ curve the coefficients become:

$$a_0 = \quad , \quad a_1 =$$

Using Software Packages

Most spreadsheet and engineering software packages can perform a _____ on a data set. Examples will be shown throughout the course in MATLAB and EXCEL.

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Sample Calibration Data

| Sample # | Known Distance $x_i(m)$ | Measured Voltage $y_i(V)$ |
|----------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | | |
| 2 | | |
| 3 | | |
| 4 | | |
| 5 | | |

Linear Least Squares Regression Coefficients:

$a_0 =$, $a_1 =$

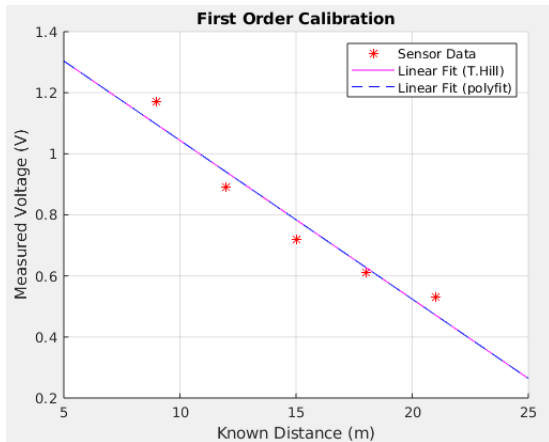
Functional Relationship:

$y =$

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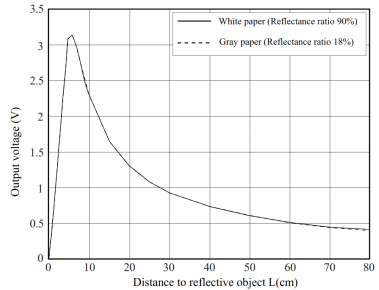
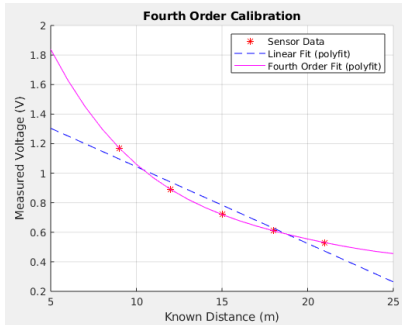
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First Order Calibration Curve



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Fourth Order Calibration Curve



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